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21 May 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chairman

Advisory Panel on Research in
Special Operations

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SUBJECT:

Role of the Central Intelligence Agency
on Advisory Panel

1. At the last meeting of the Advisory Panel on Research in Special Operations there was discussion regarding the role on the Panel of the associate members, i.e., representatives of U.S. agencies who have been invited to sit with the Panel. The following statement is submitted to clarify CIA's future role on the Advisory Panel. With regard to Panel recommendations and reports, CIA will take one of the following actions as appropriate.

a. Concur: This means that CIA finds the Panel's recommendations properly take into account CIA's identifiable responsibilities and interests. The meaning of this may range from "not objectionable" to "in the long run this should benefit not only Defense but also us," though this may not be specified.

b. Non-Concur: This means that the responsibilities and interests of CIA, or in its view, of the intelligence community, will be adversely affected. Reasons and explanations would be submitted for the record.

c. Abstain: This means that neither concurrence nor non-concurrence could apply because the recommendations of the Panel in question are outside CIA's competence and responsibility.

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